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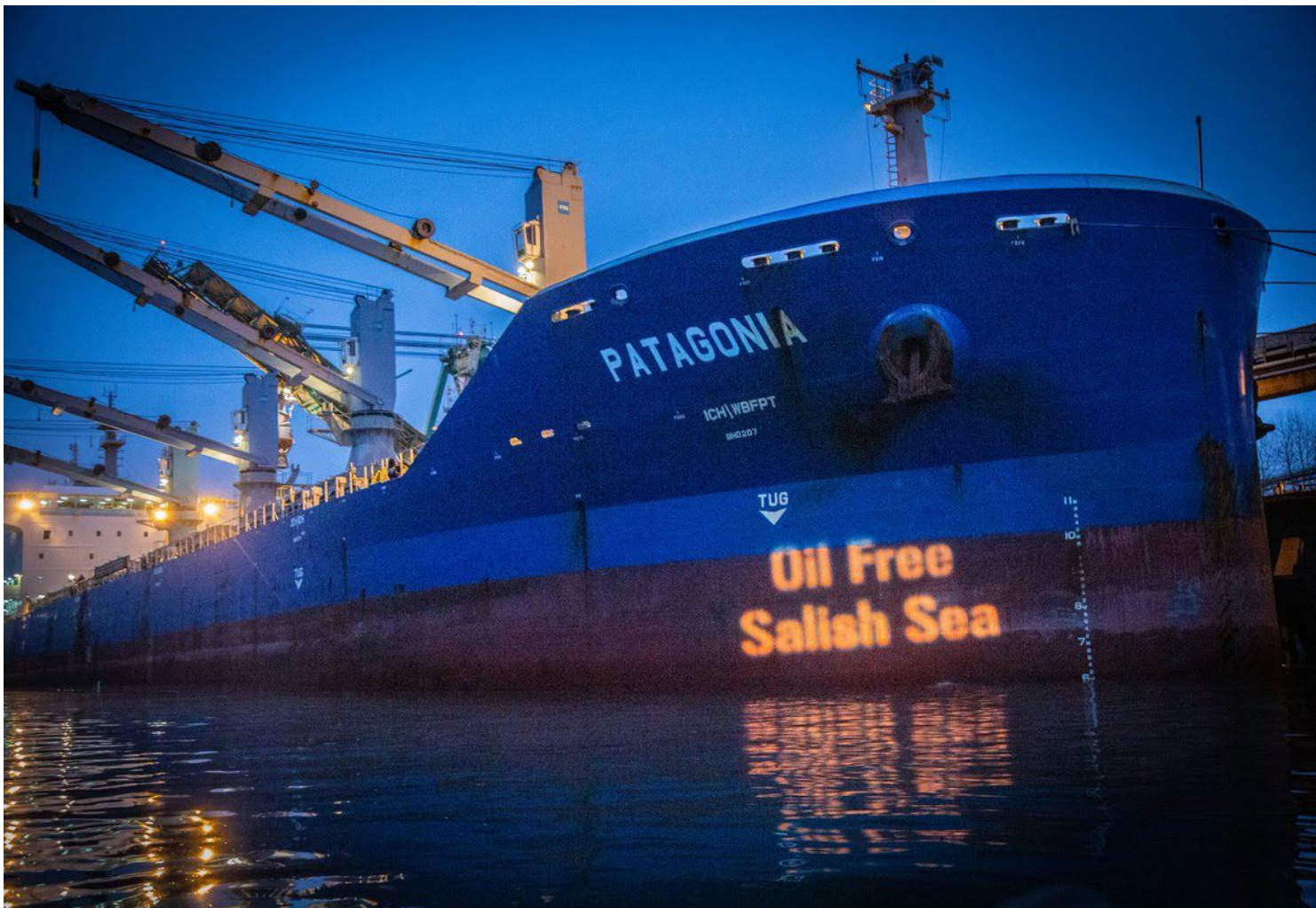
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Direct Action Is Our Last Chance To Stop
Irreversible Climate Chaos

by Climber West
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drew national attention to this
catastrophic project.

The blaring horn of the speeding ship coming up the Columbia River reverberated through my tired bones. The repetitious be low drowned out the heckling of individuals standing above me on the dock “go home, environmentalists!”, and the beating of my heart. I checked the security of my harness and gazed out across the fog filled Columbia river at the monster coming right at me. I never once felt afraid.

In the early morning fog of a cold November day, over 30 sleep deprived activists, took to the water and docks and faced off with a 24,000 ton barge to stop the construction of the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) Project. The boat was carrying a shipment of pipe into the Port of Vancouver, Washington, to be shipped on rail to British Columbia.

TMX is currently one of the biggest threats to the future of our planet. This project alone would triple the amount of tar sands oil going to market and effectively be the end of the road for avoiding the catastrophic impacts of climate change. This pipeline is a direct threat to the lives of millions, if not billions of humans on this planet.

We have lobbied and bird-dogged elected officials. We have tried educating, letter writing, voting and awareness building. We have even written and performed plays. But to no avail. The oil-wells

continue to pump, the pipelines continue to be built, and our politicians continue to tell us that we must be satisfied with their non-binding emissions targets and flowery speeches. *cough* Justin Truedau *cough* Jay Inslee

In the end, direct action emerges as our only option to materially address the climate crisis. If we are striving for a livable future, TMX cannot be built. Those of us who stand on the front lines of this effort are doing what we feel we must, and the movement is growing. It is clear that resistance will not subside until this project is stopped once and for all.

On the river that morning, I could see dozens of little lights bobbing on the water amidst dense fog from my perch on the berth. It was cold to the bone, and although everyone was geared up, we were all shivering as we waited for the boat to arrive. We felt it before we saw it — the paralyzing roar of the foghorn, coming closer with every second. And then the giant hull of the taker emerged out of the fog, approached our tiny bobbing boats and stopped.

For the better part of that day, a ragtag collection of us were able to stop a giant ship backed by corporate money and forces more powerful than any one of us can imagine. Working together, we successfully halted the arrival of dirty Tar Sands pipe to

Attempting to halt the destructive path of the fossil fuel industry feels like the work of Sisyphus, a never-ending uphill battle against forces greater than you. But the morning of Tuesday, November 8th that we successfully stopped the giant tanker carrying Tar Sands Pipe turned out more like the story of David and Goliath.

The successful resistance we achieved was just another chapter in the story still being written. When we speak to future generations, we cannot simply tell them that we did our best. We must succeed. That means putting our freedom on the line to do what we know is not only right, but what is necessary. Whether it means putting our physical bodies on the line, sharing skills or contributing time, energy and resources toward those doing this work, we all must do everything we can.

Everyone has a place in this movement. Will you join us?
More on pages 6 and 7



Announcements

Our next issue will be a glossy magazine format. Just like the old days! The Insurgent started out as a tabloid newspaper, like this. At some point it switched to a glossy magazine format, and was that way until last year. We plan to release two 24-page glossy magazines each year, in January and June. The magazine format allows us to showcase more creative works whereas news is a priority in the normal tabloid format.

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Letters to the Editors

GLOBAL WARMING

from Milton Takei, senior audit student

I am a volunteer with the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), an organization with over 500 local chapters in the U.S., Canada and elsewhere. CCL is trying to convince Congress to put a price on carbon. We substitute grassroots activism for the money that big campaign contributors use to gain access to Congressional offices.

When I talk to people who are of the age of traditional college students, I tell them, "This is your future we're talking about." A speaker on the November, 2019 CCL monthly educational conference call noted that global warming protests by young people had called the world's attention to an aggrieved group similar to women in the feminist movement.

Congress must act. The Economist magazine (June 7, 2014, pp, 12-13) reported that the Obama-era EPA regulations (the Clean Power Plan) were inadequate in fighting global warming. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has come out in favor of a carbon tax through which the money from the tax would go back to households. CCL is supporting the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763), a bill before Congress that would create the kind of policy that the IMF is supporting.

Political protest on the streets is going to be essential if the world is going to be successful in fighting global warming. But people can both protest and lobby. In discussions with Congressional offices, CCL delegations can point out how H.R. 763 would protect low income households, and also help the U.S. economy by giving money to poor people, who then spend it.

Solidarity, a poem

I need you to understand that I resent labels. I don't think they represent anyone's true soul. Instead they pick and pull apart the fabric of your narrative in order to create theirs. Your story is yours to own and change.

To paraphrase Shaun King: change has existed after a period he labels the integration of innovation in which our own conception of reality is altered. Our souls are lifted only to come crashing down to create brutality, woven into our Nation's fibrous fabric.

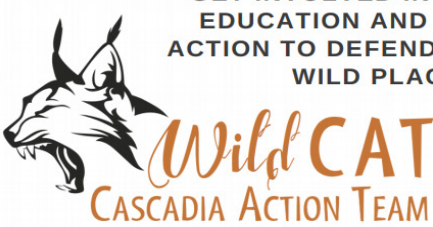
The narrative of our Nation suffers because the stained fabric reminds us of the innocent blood shed. Without change our minds become trapped. Nations create alternative facts for right and wrong. They will not label their truths as our truths. We know in our souls equality and love for one another is the only truth we own.

A path is set before us. One in which our own understandings of who we are must be woven into the fabric of faces, for no one can do this alone. We need to bare our soul and demonstrate love for one another to change the direction in which we are plummeting.

Labels will show us no justice for they create divisions allowing hate to create chasms of false conclusions. Let us own up to our misunderstandings, to say no to labels separating us from them. The fabric is You. Me. We. It is We who will change the world with love in our soul.

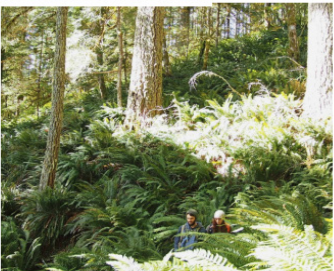
The world needs to see our soul beating and bleating to create a consciousness that will not allow change to be ripped from our hands. Our own narratives will begin a new weave of fabric that erases our neighbor's label bestowed upon them. We must own the day hate tried to change the fabric of our soul. Labels lie—create, resist, redefine.

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Sunrise Lies Down in Solidarity with Scott Warren and Migrants in the Borderlands

by Ruby Jernigan

Walking into the EMU on a recent Friday afternoon, an unexpected sight was met by many. Graduate and undergraduate students, as well as some community members, were lying on the floor near a giant paper-mache head of President Trump. On top of some student's bodies and leaning along the walls and chairs were posters with messages that included, "Water Not Walls," and "Humanitarian Aid is Never a Crime."

The Sunrise Movement of Eugene invited students and community members together for this direct action, known as a "die-in" to call attention to migrant killings and the criminalization of humanitarian aid work in the borderlands of Arizona. Since 2001, over 3,000 sets of human remains have been found there. On average, a human body is found once every three days. The majority of these deaths are due to dehydration or exposure to the elements, including extreme temperature fluctuation. These deaths are not happening by mistake: they are killings directly resulting from "deterrence" policies enacted by current and past administrations that make migration more dangerous. The extremeness of the desert enables is to be used as a weapon by our government, including Donald Trump. Said simply by one sign used during Sunrise's action, "Deterrence Doesn't Work." Migration is a last-resort decision many individuals and families are forced to make due to the destabilization of Central American governments, and resultant gang and drug violence, crime, and financial woes there and in parts of Mexico. People are still migrating, they are just more likely to be killed for it now.

The fact that so many human beings are dying in the desert from preventable causes so near to metropolitan communities where others are living their lives "business-as-usual" has driven the formation of humanitarian aid organizations. One such organization is No More Deaths based

in Tucson, whose purpose is to eliminate death and suffering in the borderlands. The Sunrise die-in was held in solidarity with Scott Warren, a teacher and volunteer with No More Deaths, who is currently being re-tried for providing water, food, and basic medical care to two migrants from Central America. Scott's case is evident of a larger crack-down by the Trump administration on humanitarian aid work and essentially the criminalization of kindness. As stated by one member of Sunrise, "Giving someone water is the human thing to do. It says 'Hey, don't die!'" While Scott could go to prison for ten years for giving water to fellow humans to keep them alive, Border Patrol agents are rewarded for "doing their jobs" by stabbing holes in plastic jugs and draining their contents. The arrest of Scott came on the very day a YouTube video of Border Patrol doing just that went viral. To give water is to give life. Pouring it out is murder.

By lying on the floor of the EMU, activists involved acknowledged the thousands of people who are being killed in our country for moving, and stand (or rather lie down) in solidarity with the people who are trying to help them. Migration is a human right. Regardless of its legality in the United States, it should never be a death sentence.

Update: At his trial in Tucson, Arizona on November 20th a jury acquitted Scott Warren of both felony and misdemeanor harboring charges after only two hours of deliberation. On the courthouse steps post-trial, volunteer Geena Jackson read in a statement: "They can try to regulate our communities, our movement, our communication, and our humanity, but we will resist. We can never stop caring for each other, and as living, loving beings in this desert we can never stop sharing water, food and our homes." While this verdict is a win, the immigration crisis and resultant humanitarian crisis are ramping up. We must continue to fight back.



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Homelessness in Portland’s Lents Neighborhood by Laurabell

Portland, Oregon has become known around the world as a hipster paradise. The music scene is thriving. You can grab a \$9 vegan meal from a food cart on any corner downtown. “Ready for Hillary” signs and “Bernie for President” stickers decorate lawns and subaru bumpers throughout the neighbourhoods. Portlandia, a popular show starring Fred Armisen, has made it clear that the city is a sanctuary for freaks and weirdos. It’s an oasis for creative folks. However, it’s not all craft beer, bike paths, and roses. In recent years, the growing population has become unsustainable. Portland has always been a majority white city, but now it is one of least racially diverse cities in America. Gentrification is rampant. Folks are getting priced out of their family homes left and right. There are extremely apparent divides from neighbourhood to neighbourhood. Homelessness is an extreme problem plaguing the lower-class neighbourhoods, and city officials don’t seem to care.

In the past 15 years, the population of Portland has grown about 17% and currently sits around 620,000. As of 2013, around 436,500 of those citizens are white. There are very apparent economic and racial divide between neighbourhoods. Generally, the inner-city areas are very white while the neighbourhoods on the north and east outskirts of Portland are more diverse. For example, I grew up in Lents, a neighbourhood on the eastern edge of Portland. According to City-Data.com, Lents is 42% white, 15% black, 23% Asian, and 17% hispanic. My best friend grew up about 3 miles west of me in a neighbourhood called Eastmoreland. Her neighbours are 95% white and 3% Asian.

The city of Portland has a mayor and a council of 30 officials. Portland does not have a city manager. In Portland, elections are held in November and May. Some ballot measures and positions are district wide, while some are at-large. Ballots are mailed to all registered voters. These ballots can be dropped in one of the many ballot boxes that are scattered around town, or they can be mailed back. The mail-in ballots and lack of voter ID laws make it easy to vote in Portland. The city officials are very pro-development and are agents of gentrification. There is evidence of this mayoral campaign finance records; over 55% of Mayor Hales’ campaign contributions were from the real estate and development industry. The same is true for several other city officials, like commissioner Steve Novick.

Portland is an extremely liberal place compared to the rest of the country. A lot of Portlanders are white moderates who live comfortably and don’t really have to worry about city politics because they’re thriving in the current system. But there’s also a lot of Portlanders who are people of color fighting for representation, or folks who have to work 2 jobs to pay the ever-growing rent. Elected officials are generally upper middle class moderates. Most of them are white men who attended prestigious universities and reside in the most expensive neighbourhoods Portland has to offer. Our elected officials are not representative of many of Portland’s citizens. Nick Fish, Portland City commissioner,

graduated from Harvard and lives in Goose Hollow - a neighbourhood in SW where you can pay \$2000 a month for a studio apartment. Our mayor, Charlie Hales, lives in a mansion next to the Eastmoreland golf course.

Portland has grown a lot in the past few decades. Hip folks from out of state flooded out here after watching an episode of Portlandia. I won’t deny that Portland is an amazing city, but this influx of affluent white people has caused a lot of problems. There used to be thriving working class neighbourhoods and communities of people of color scattered around the city. Those areas are now in the late stages of gentrification.

Portland’s gentrification is most apparent when you take a look at homelessness in the city. It is extremely concentrated in the areas that have been the last to gentrify. Earlier in this essay, I mentioned that I grew up in the Lents neighbourhood - it’s one of the last places in Portland to maintain diversity and offer affordable housing. The homeless problem in Lents makes it very apparent that the gentrification in Portland is systematic and city officials are purposely making it worse. In the next section of this essay, I will focus on the Lents neighbourhood, the gentrification and homelessness there, and the systematic pitting of marginalized people against other marginalized groups.

First, a bit of history about the Lents neighbourhood. For a long time, Lents was its own city. It had a thriving working class, a little down town, and all the amenities necessary for a small town to thrive. The residents never had to go to Portland for anything. In 1912, Lents was annexed by the city of Portland. However, it was quite far from the rest of Portland. While that enabled it to keep its sense of community, this also meant it was neglected by the city. The neighbourhood wasn’t doing great, but continued to make ends meet until the 70’s. In 1973, the city of Portland began construction on interstate 205, right in the middle of Lents. This split the neighbourhood in half and demolished any sense of community that Lents held on to. Most of the residents couldn’t fight back – they were trying to keep food on the table after decades of neglect on the city’s behalf ⁷.

For the past few decades, Lents has been one of the only affordable neighbourhoods in Portland, as newcomers (and the rest of the city) don’t find it very desirable. Gentrification is beginning to set in, though; folks, like my parents, who have lived there for 30 or 40 years have begun receiving postcards daily from developers trying to buy their family homes. Lents has always had a homeless population, but for a long time, it was small and the housed and houseless coexisted peacefully. However, in the past five years, there has been a massive influx of homelessness in Lents. There is a lot of evidence that city officials are systematically pushing homeless populations into the lower-income, more diverse, underrepresented, and less gentrified areas like Lents in order to attract people to the nicer parts of town.

Portland’s homelessness problems started getting severe a decade or two ago when tons of

people began moving to the city. City officials banned camping downtown and in parks. They began enforcing camping laws in certain parts of the city, but not in the poorer communities. When folks tried camping in rich, desireable neighbourhoods like Eastmoreland or Goose Hollow, police would immediately do sweeps on campers and move them out of the area. Residents of Lents and other ‘undesirable’ areas will complain all they can, but the camping rules aren’t enforced often in their neighbourhood. Currently, Lents houses “5% of Portland’s population, but carries the burden of 55% of the homeless population” ⁸. Due to this extreme increase in homelessness, crime rates have risen significantly and property values have plummeted.

Recently, Lents residents have been organizing grassroots efforts to get the city of Portland on their side. In the past two years, my neighbours in Lents have started the Lents Neighbourhood Association in order to plan actions and brainstorm solutions. Folks have sent letter after letter to the mayor and city commissioners begging for sweeps or longer term solutions⁸. They have started to listen - occasionally - and sweep the parks every few weeks. Sweeps redirect some of the homeless people, but most campers come back after a few days. The city has yet to offer a long-term solution aside from declaring a housing crisis and suggesting a rent freeze in the future.

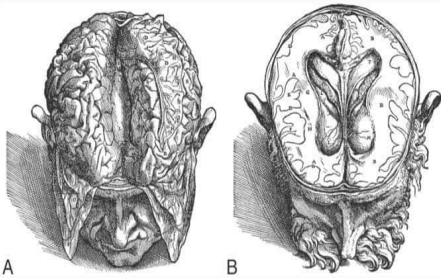
I think that to solve the homelessness problem, Portland city commissioners need to be consistent with where they’re enforcing camping laws, instead of strategically allowing mass homelessness in already disadvantaged areas. The city of Portland performed sweeps just weeks after residents in Laurelhurst, a very wealthy neighbourhood, complained about campers in their central park. In Lents, it’s taken months of begging. However, sweeps and policing are not a long term solution to Portland’s rampant homeless crisis. Because it’s concentrated in certain areas, I’ll bet you that many Portlanders don’t know just how bad homelessness has become. If more folks were aware of the severity, it might be easier to start efforts by citizens to enact rent control or 90 day notices of rent increases.



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Chelsea Manning Still Jailed Over Contempt in Grand Jury on Julian Assange

by Trey Kodman



Recently, I wrote a research paper on the mainstream media's opinion of Chelsea Manning and its influence around LGBT individuals within the U.S. military. My findings were that it will never matter what major news corporations think of Manning. She is a unicorn among those who have, or still, serve their country. The Williams Institute estimated that nearly 150,000 transgender individuals either have served or are currently serving in all levels of the U.S. military. With progress made toward including the LGBTQ community in systemic practices over the past few decades, people continue to serve their country in secrecy. Manning took a different path after making the difficult decision to release droves of files to any journalistic organization willing to alert the world of possible U.S. war crimes in 2010. That

organization ended up being Wikileaks, but only after Manning attempted to have The New York Times or The Washington Post take up the challenge. The fact Manning attempted either of those publications and got rejected speaks volumes to the status-quo mentality of major U.S. news companies. Mainstream media will always maintain a foothold on the idea of American Imperialism. Without American foreign policy playing the role it does in the world today, the U.S. news community wouldn't have much to discuss. The media continually sells voters what to think, and has even gone as far as selling wars for politicians. With Freedom of the Press being, a core issue at the founding of this country, those in power somehow still believe that to maintain order there are unsaid obligations needing adherence. Their status-quo

requires reporters not throwing the entirety of the state and military departments under the bus. This type of action can illicit descriptions such as sedition or espionage against those who speak truth to power. Truth-seekers can momentarily control the narrative and assert themselves in the face of the corrupt Military-Industrial-Complex but this can only delay violence against them. An ally to Manning, Snowden, and others; Julian Assange is allegedly about to experience charges of espionage for releasing the evidence of war crimes. Currently, Manning is in jail for contempt of a grand jury hearing on charges allegedly relating to former Wikileaks editor Julian Assange. Assange is also in jail in England, awaiting possible extradition to the U.S. This current confinement is the second from grand jury contempt Manning

has endured over the past year. During confinement, donations are welcome for Manning's apartment and living expenses to @anarchakelly (Venmo), or \$anarchakelly (Ca\$h). Also, writing letters of support to Manning is available: Chelsea Elizabeth Manning A0181426 William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center 2001 Mill Road Alexandria, VA 22314 For more information on how to write Chelsea, please visit <https://xychelsea.is/>. *art by A. Isabelle Amezcua*

University of Oregon Expands! Eugene's Housing Crisis

In 2016, The University of Oregon announced plans to host the Olympic Trials in 2020 and subsequent championships in 2021. Between the two events, our small riverside city expects an influx of over 80,000 transients: roughly half of the city's overall population. That same year, the Oregon legislature passed Senate Bill 1533, which authorized Oregon cities to ordain Construction Excise Taxes (CET). This effort [though inadequate still] is meant to offset community displacement: developers, who benefit most from gentrification in any community, pay into a fund meant to support those who benefit least-- the underpaid residents of those communities. CETs taxes the overall value of permitted development projects and apply those funds to the creation and maintenance of affordable housing. Our local CET requires that developers pay a one-time .33% tax on the overall value of the permitted work the first year (2019), and .5% every year thereafter. Funds collected then go directly into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, overseen by an advisory committee, of which I am chair. However, for the first two years, the Eugene City Council provided an exemption. The city will offset all CET taxes by reimbursing developers using our General Funds through July 2021, just one month before the big championships. In essence, the millions of dollars pouring into our city to bolster UO's pet project will be diverted from one fund to another, cutting what would be public investment dollars in half. At the same time, we will suffer a significant spike to the cost of living in our already squeezed housing market. It's a fucking farce. We're paying the price of our own gentrification. We're paying for the shitty public housing we'll all have to move into when rent exceeds average monthly wages. And yet developers coming in to capitalize off our backs walk away clean. Scraps just aren't gonna' cut it much longer. I won't make assumptions about the intent or influence of our local public leadership, but as a student at the University of Oregon, as an embedded community member and homelessness organizer, as chair of what feels like a rubber stamp committee, and as a low-income head of household myself, I can say the stipulations attached to the tax truly hit home. Why? Because through all of this, thousands of my neighbors live without a home; because planning for a future living out of a car in my community seems more reasonable than planning for a future as a homeowner; and finally, because the unfettered expansion of the University of Oregon is a fundamental cause of the expansive housing crisis my community faces, and yet the institution and its partners evade all responsibility to formally address it. The Crisis: Eugene leads the nation in number of people experience homelessness

per capita 13,070 households experienced homelessness in Lane County for at least one night in 2018. 1,537 unduplicated individuals were served at St. Vincent De Paul's Egan Warming Centers during 22 nights of activation during the winter season 2018-2019. 2,490 homeless students attended public school in Lane County during the 2017-2018 school year (Oregon Dept. of Education). This includes those doubled up or couch-surfing with relatives or friends. 51,977 people were served by agencies that track projects in ServicePoint, Lane County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). 130 newly homeless people entering HMIS system for the first time each month 2.9% Vacancy rate of homes for rent in Eugene (4 points less than the national average) Reports of rent raises of as much as 67% between tenancies last year. Sarah Pishioneri is a mom, community organizer, and senior student at the University of Oregon seeking an undergraduate degree in political science with a focus in labor studies.

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FUCK THIS PIPELINE: Jordan Cove Must Die

by Eric Howanietz

On November 21 st a glorious bald eagle soared above the crowd of several hundred people amassed on the Oregon capital steps to protest the Jordan Cove LNG pipeline project. Hundreds simultaneously inhaled and then erupted in celebration at the auspicious omen. No sooner had the noble creature passed than Yakama Elder Ed Edmo who had just taken the stage recited the poem of the soaring eagle.

This magic followed the several hundred protesters into the echoing rotunda of the state capital and built into a deafening roar. Activists in synchronized motion unfurled a large circular parachute banner with NO LNG emblazoned upon a crisscross design of blue rivers, green forests, and metallic pipelines. Clumsy state troopers immediately attempted to confiscate the unpermitted banner but were flabbergasted to find a circle of activist clipped to it with locking carabiners. The flowing parachute banner continued to ungulate over the golden state seal in the rotunda and the thunderous chants of activists gave cover to the first activists that quietly began to occupy the Governor's ceremonial office.

Within a half hour of the protesters first entering the capitol building, over a hundred were now

crammed into the Governor's office. The demand was simple, everyone knew the governor had the power to shut down the Jordan Cove LNG pipeline, protesters were there to stay until she publicly stated she would do just that. From there began nine long hours of singing, speeches, pizza, and state troopers.

First activists were able to get the governor on the phone, and then finally late at night she appeared in person surrounded by a phalanx of aids and state troopers. Unfortunately, her responses never changed. She continually insisted on following the permitting process and sticking to procedure. The permitting process had brought us to where we were now. After 15 years and the Jordan Cove project being rejected twice, the Trump administration has just rammed through its go-ahead for the project this month. With clearcut logging not considered construction, a swath of logging through the forests of Oregon could begin as early as February 14th. All this could be stopped if Kate Brown takes a stand and acts like the climate leader she claims to be. She has the power. But what we heard out of Kate Brown that night were terms like "Cap and Trade" and "Carbon Market." We saw a person searching for a vision amid a smokescreen of industry rhetoric and false market

solutions. Soon after the Governor's late-night visit concluded the State troopers issued an ultimatum. Leave the capitol building or be subject to arrest. By that time the crowd had dwindled to 50 people and in the closing minutes of the ultimatum 21 people sat down together and stayed. They arrested us one at a time and those comrades still left sung the names of those taken away. "You shall not walk alone," we sang. The 21 activists arrested were released early the next morning and we will appear in court on December 20 th in Salem. The Jordan Cove LNG pipeline has been defeated twice before and if Kate Brown refuses to act soon she is inviting another Standing Rock to occur in her own state. Against this pipeline will stand indigenous tribes, environmentalist, and land owners not just in alliance throughout Oregon, but across the entire country. For a leading Democratic governor who calls herself a climate leader the choice to kill this pipeline project could not be easier. Over 15 years the sustained grass roots resistance to this project could not be more determined. Jordan Cove must die along with every other fossil fuel pipedream our corrupt



Water Damage: An Inside Look at the Nov. 5 #STOPTMX Action



A few things happen when you're about to commit a crime. Time slows. Certain details are thrown into sharp contrast: the imprint of your breath slowly creeping up the inside of the windshield as you wait for the call; the silver glint of moonlight on the river; the tension in your abdomen that won't slacken. Numbness starts to settle into the outer edges of your body as the seconds drag by. And then suddenly, without warning, time sprints ahead.

Two hours ago I was sitting in the Greenpeace office, listening to Oliver* deliver an emboldening call to action. He beat his drum and sang a song of his people, the Tsleil-Waututh nation. He spoke gravely and firmly: think of the youngest ones in your family. Images flashed in my mind of my nephew's tiny fingers grasping at a blackberry in the backyard. We do this for them. We do this because we have to. We do this out of love, not fear.

And yet, despite the courage I felt in that moment, I could feel fear cracking my resolve. Not just fear, but straight up panic-- I'm not cut out for jail, I don't have the money to pay government fines... A heavy fog had rolled in and the fact that I couldn't see more than fifteen feet in front of me only contributed to my already growing sense of unease. Why in hell was I about to strap myself into a kayak in the middle of the night and intentionally put myself in a position to be arrested?

Oh, right. Because of the impending climate catastrophe. Because the Patagonia, the huge tanker ship rolling into the Vancouver bay that morning, was loaded with the final shipment of pipe materials for the Trans Mountain Expansion pipeline project, spelling doom for indigenous nations such as the Tsleil-Waututh in Canada as well as the ecosystems and populations in the entire Puget Sound. Because we all die from the consequences of capitalistic abuses; in some places people die protesting them. Jail was a small price to pay.

Outside, the smell of oil was everywhere-- the river stank of it, the trains spewed it out as they passed, and the fog

seemed to weigh it down until there wasn't a clear breath to be taken. Call time was 3am; intel on the Patagonia's estimated arrival time claimed a tentative docking window of around 6am. The group of roughly twenty kayakers would begin their two mile journey down the Columbia river at 4am to meet up with a group of climbers who would climb down the dock's ladders and chain themselves there. Together, we would form a blockade that would prevent the ship from unloading.

Suddenly it was 2:50, and I was scrambling into my armor for the night: a diaper, wet-suit, rain jacket, hat, and leather gloves. The dread I felt started to ferment into a grim anger.

My kayak slid silently into the water. The oil stink sat in the back of my throat, dead and heavy. We crawled along the water's edge, keeping near the bank, and occasionally giant monoliths would emerge from the mist: a bridge pile; a crane base. Machinery groaned and creaked, the sound ricocheting off the surprisingly calm water. Time stretched indeterminately in front of us, hovering somewhere beyond the fog line, out of sight. The grey air masked our slow descent.

As we approached the dock, I caught sight of the climbers. Their signs read: WE WON'T STOP UNTIL YOU DO. A long banner emblazoned with the words "STOP TRANS MOUNTAIN" hung between two dock posts. The navy air slowly turned to a frigid grey, and with it, our cover lifted. We weren't alone anymore.

"Hey, what the fuck do you think you fuckers are doing?"

"Get out of the way, you dumb fucks!"

"You're about to be squished by a thousand-ton tanker!"

Dock workers had arrived, pissed. Security personnel muttered into their walkie-talkies, and police lights flashed. The frenzy on land had begun.

I turned my boat away from the dock, squinting out into the mist. The grey water blurred into the grey air so seam-

lessly that only the tiny waves that rippled through the river could distinguish one from the other. All quiet on the waterfront. And then, piercing the dawn, came the first blast.

We heard it before we saw it. A deep bellowing horn rang out into the morning air with such force it caused the water to quiver. Ominous silence followed, peppered by the occasional taunt from the dock workers. Again, the horn blasted. The stench of oil seemed to intensify, and suddenly I could feel the ache of it seeping into my fingers. After roughly thirty minutes of intermittent guttural outbursts, the Patagonia emerged from the mist.

Kayakers rushed into the space between the ship and the dock as the horn roared out again in staunch protest. The police broadcasted from the dock: "We now declare this an unlawful assembly. Any who do not disperse in five minutes will be subject to arrest." I glanced nervously at another kayaker, but we both knew their jurisdiction was limited to dry land-- only the coast guard could take us out. A cheer rose up from our ranks as the Patagonia, stranded in the channel, began lowering its anchor-- the ship was blocked!

But only for a moment. Eventually the crew redirected the ship to another dock, and our kayaks followed. The police frenzy escalated, and some of our people were arrested. For all of the effort expended planning, organizing, and executing this action, for all of the physical and mental exhaustion, the Patagonia still docked. We made the news-- we made a statement-- but those pipeline materials were still eventually delivered...

I want to emphasize the necessity of actions like this. Our goal wasn't to stop the shipment, but to make noise. It's important that we engage in civil disobedience and make our voices loud, sending a clear message to the establishment that we are watching and we see their abuses. And we need more people to join us. But I would be lying if I said it was all empowering-- there are many moments in activism where the bleakness sets in, where we wonder if we're

doing anything at all, if it will matter in the end. The story we follow through history is one of countless battles, some won and some lost, but the war drags on. There's limited glory to be had in this work; it's exhausting, demoralizing, and difficult much of the time. But with that, there is no work more worth doing-- and not just because of survival.

I came off the water with aching bones, blue fingers from the polluted river water that had soaked into my skin, and a mixed sense of loss and victory. Looking into the eyes of the other kayakers, whom I barely knew, I felt a deep love. We had just done something intense; we were wet, cold, tired, strained... but triumphant. Supported. We were received by dozens of others who came with food, dry clothes, and open homes for us to rest. Those taken to jail had an entire team already working to free them and deal with the law. What I saw was an immense network of folks who shared one belief: we do this out of love, not fear.

In fighting together, we encounter an inexplicable essence of humanity that goes beyond comradeship or solidarity; it's the essential truth of our existence. We live for each other. To protect and to serve and to love and to share. Regardless of the forces that rip us apart, be they capitalism or politics or inequality, there is a fundamental desire for community that gives real purpose to our survival instincts. Although there are concrete goals that we hope to achieve in this fight, there is the abstract sense that even if we fall short of those goals, perhaps the real victories are in the chance to experience that rawness of heart. To truly take care of each other, friend and stranger alike. To fight for our lives, together. And so out of the blood blooms the rose.

– N. Eptune



Rojava Revolution Must Be Defended

by Sanan Moradi

On October 9, the Turkish army and allied Jihadi rebels invaded Syrian Kurds. The attack, which was green-lighted by Trump’s shady phone call with Turkish authoritarian president, Erdogan, has triggered ethnic cleansing of the Kurds by Turkish army and its allies, and is threatening the Kurds’ political and social revolution in Rojava/Northern Syria. Rojava, meaning ‘west’ is the Kurdish name for the Kurdish parts of Syria. Rojava is part of the larger Kurdish homeland, Kurdistan, which was divided between Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Syria in the aftermath of WWI. In all these countries, Kurds are marginalized minorities who have been fighting for their rights for a century.

The Rojava revolution

Beyond their success in defeating the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), Syrian Kurds have led a revolution based on radical democracy, non-capitalist economy, and gender equity, in a region that has suffered from centuries of deep-seated patriarchy and decades of authoritarian state control and crony capitalism. Below I explain three major principles of the Rojava revolution, and the revolution’s emancipatory potential for Rojava and for the world.



art by Ruby Lou Jernigan

1.Direct radical democracy

Direct radical democracy is the building bloc of the political system in Rojava/Northern Syria. Unlike conventional modern political systems, in which the central power in capital cities imposes its political will over provinces/states, counties, and cities, under Rojava’s democratic autonomy, it is villages and neighborhoods that form primary decision-making bodies. Each neighborhood or village elects its governing body through direct voting. Neighborhood and village councils then send their elected representatives to higher city, canton, and regional councils. Different cantons and regions function independent from each other, and collaborate only for matters that concern the entire Rojava. Rojava has included Arabs and other minorities such as Christians. All decisions are made through consensus, and every council has two co-Chairs, depending on each community’s ethnic composition.

2.Ecological economy

Ecology is the guiding principle of Rojava’s economy. Rojava’s non-capitalist ecological economy is built on cooperatives that seek to balance production and consumption. This is in stark contrast with capitalist market economy which is based on incessant extraction, production, consumption, and accumulation. Ecology aims to build a moral economy in which community self-sufficiency and cooperation replaces profit-oriented

exchanges and competition. Eliminating the profit-making motive leads to less exploitative, restorative, and more ethical human-environment relations. At the same time, unlike communist experiences that at times led to starvation and conflict due to forced dispossession, the Rojava revolution has avoided expropriating private properties or closing down businesses. Instead, the role of cooperatives and local production is gradually increased, while simultaneously importance of top-down market economy is reduced.

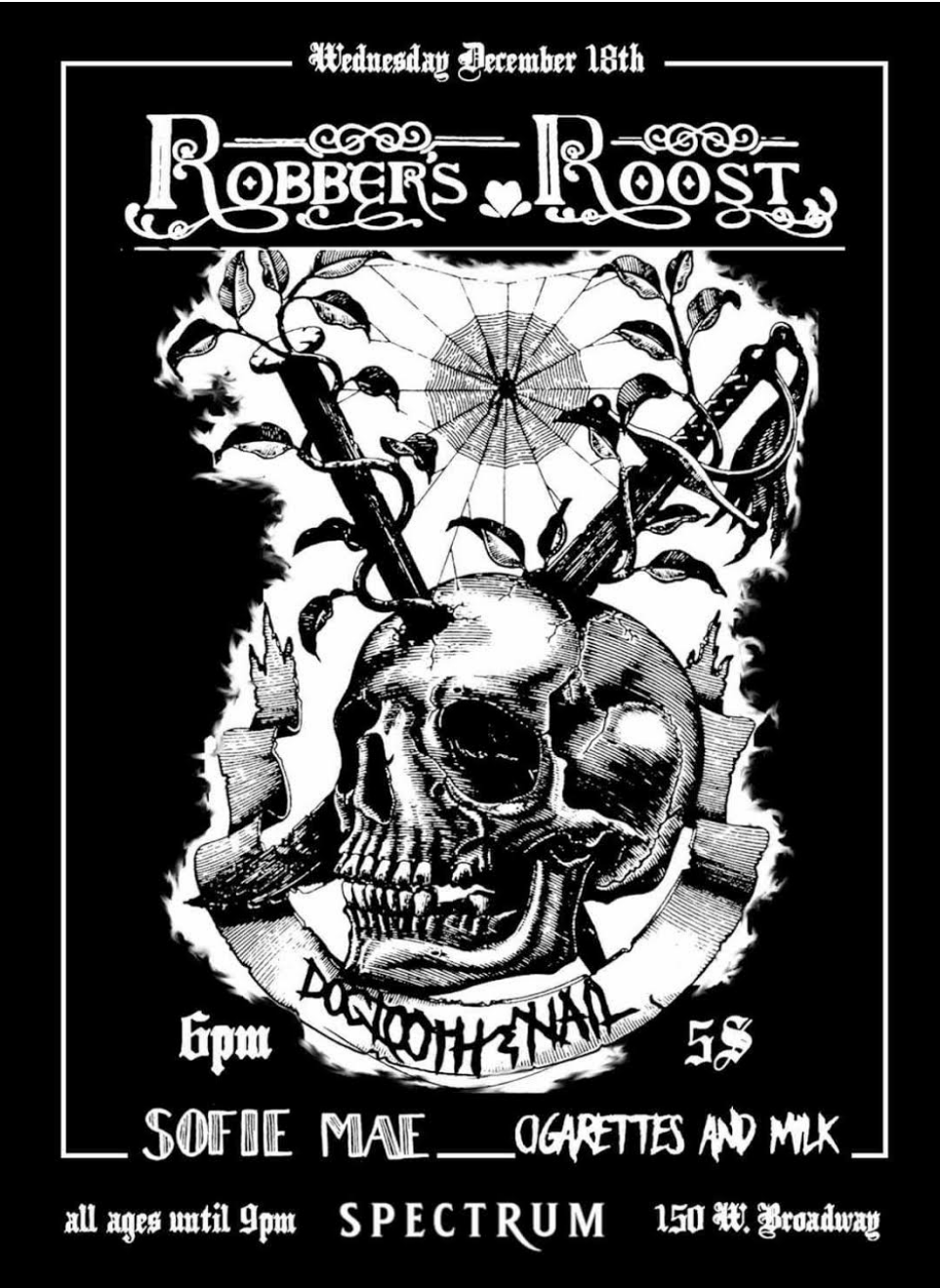
3.Feminist revolution

The Rojava revolution opposes all forms of hierarchy, because hierarchies have historically caused oppression by imposing the will of the powerful over the powerless, especially men over women. Women are the main force at the forefront of Rojava’s drive for an egalitarian, democratic society because women have historically been, and continue to be, the largest disempowered population. Women have a 40% minimum quota in all administrative councils and institutions. All governing bodies have two Chairs, one of which must be a woman, by law. Oppressive and discriminatory practices such as domestic violence, workplace harassment, forced marriage, child marriage, and polygamy have been disbanded. Parallel to the local governing councils, women’s assemblies have been formed to attend to women’s issues. These assemblies provide women with safe spaces and have the power to protect women against all forms of violence, even if it requires using disciplinary force. Despite having such powers, however, punishment is focused on rehabilitation and community service rather than imprisonment or bodily discipline. All-female places, called Jinwar (Jin meaning woman and war meaning place/village), have been established in which women feel safe, do arts, and grow food. Creating these spaces aims to counter men’s historic domination and intimidation of women in public spaces.

Continued struggle

Rojava revolution presents our contemporary world with an alternative way of organizing society that is egalitarian, peaceful, liberating, and actually workable. As such, Turkish invasion of Rojava is not simply a chauvinistic-nationalistic scheme to keep the Kurds subjugated, but more so, is an imperialist-colonialist design aimed at stifling Rojava’s burgeoning radical democracy that has the potential to liberate not only the Kurds, but all those who suffer around the world. It is incumbent upon us, the downtrodden revolutionaries of the world, to unite and save this revolution in an age where fascism is rife and successful revolutions are scarce.

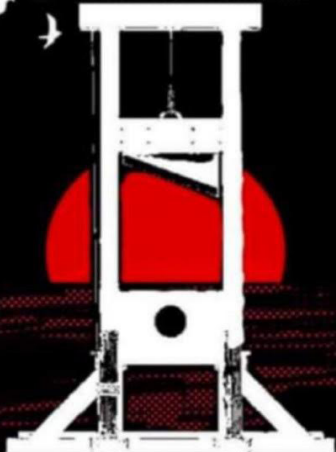
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Raging for the Rojava Revolution @ Wandering Goat Silence Mill / Hoarder / Broken Dead

by Matt Golinski

The first act of this November 20th benefit show was Silence Mill, a local punk band who got their name from ‘Le Moulin a Silence,’ an old fashioned name for the guillotine. Why the guillotine? The guillotine represents the disconnect between punk music and the masses. This is the sort of thing Malcolm McLaren’s son was fighting against when he burned 5 million dollars worth of punk merchandise on the Thames river in 2016. The image of the guillotine reflects disdain for the cheapening and commercialization of a movement that, at heart, is opposed to precisely the kind of consumerism that has laid siege to it. It signals a protest against the elimination of real understanding from the punk equation, and the reduction of punk, in the eyes of the public, to a shimmery fad, interchangeable with any other.

Wandering Goat is a small coffee shop attached to a roasting operation. It is a tiny space that has radical literature and zines crammed into every corner. On a sleepy Wednesday night suddenly this quiet coffee shop turned into a raging anarcho-punk show. Somewhere in the midst of terrific sets by Silence Mill, Hoarder (from Olympia, Washington), and Broken Dead (also local)- sets which tore the roof off this coffee house as surely as they would’ve any club or bar a Kurdish activist named Sanan took the stage and shared with the audience his presentation about the Rojava Revolution. There was something initially amusing about the crowd of leather-clad rebels and anarchists, who just moments ago had been in the throes of violent, gritty music, looking up thoughtfully at a slideshow depicting complicated maps of

the Middle East. But it quickly became clear that this engaging and informed speaker and his audience were on the same wavelength. In a nutshell, President Trump’s decision to abandon the Kurds, and pull out of the buffer zone between Turkey and Rojava is a move so audacious it has been condemned by figures as high, white and right-wing as Mitt Romney, Mitch McConnell, and Lindsay Graham. But is especially pernicious in light of the message it sends to the rest of the world about how the U.S. views the ideals of Rojava. In Rojava, one sees guiding principles of feminism, with 40% minimum female gender quotas in public offices, decentralization of authority, non-hierarchical democracy, sustainability, and religious pluralism. All of this in one of the most violent and repressive regions of the world. The U.S.,

following its own democratic foundations, ought to have championed Rojava. Instead, it has thrown Rojava to the wolves of Erdogan’s Turkish dictatorship. ‘Write your politicians,’ Sanan encouraged us, ‘let them know these issues matter to you.’ Donations for the show will help buy medical supplies for the freedom fighters in Rojava, and to the extent that people are able, they should also consider donating to one of the various funds benefiting the people there. Get involved, get educated. Silence Mill’s album release show is January 10th at the Campbell Club, and bands like this are a part of a long tradition of anarchist action in our community. Solidarity with Rojava.



What’s Going on in Bolivia?

Over the course of the last few weeks, Bolivia has shifted from its most stable and socially productive administration since the establishment of the state in the early 19th century to an oppressive Military regime. After three successful elections in favor of Evo Morales, the state of Bolivia has moved from the second poorest country in the world to a rapidly improving state, until early November.

Over the course of the last couple years Bolivia has been found to be “sitting on the second-largest amount of the mineral needed to power electric cars” [1]. Evo Morales, the first indigenous President of Bolivia and member of the Movement Toward Socialism (MAS), recently unveiled a plan to begin nationally owned mines to help diversify the nation’s economy and bring in greater revenue to help raise more of its citizens out of poverty [1].

Offers from German Mining companies were not enough to persuade Evo to sell out his people due to concerns that not enough benefit would go to the indigenous communities who live near Uyuni [1]. Given the history of colonial/imperialist projects in Latin America, it is largely unsurprising that Bolivia refusing to sell out its people is met with a military and police coup. Historic examples of this range from the banana republics of Central America to the recent oil-motivated coup attempt in Venezuela.

Given the economic context, the intent behind the coup is nearly undeniable: to remove the indigenous leftists impeding the privatization of lithium and natural gas resources. About one week after refusing the offer to instal private lithium mines by a german company (ACI Systems Alemania [ACISA]), a military coup was staged and headed by Luis Fernando Camacho which forced the legitimately elected Evo Morales to resign from his position [2]. Threats against Evo ranged from an attempt to buy out his bodyguards [4] to burning down his sisters home [5]. Luis Fernando Camacho, is a “far-right multi-millionaire who arose from fascist

movements in the Santa Cruz region. He has pursued support from the US, Jay Bolonsaro (self-identified fascist president of Brazil), Iván Duque Márquez (right-wing leader of Colombia), and the Venezuelan opposition leader who attempted a coup months ago [3]”.

As is often the case in Latin America, many of the coup plotters were trained in the US military “School of the Americas.” [4] This is the same “School of the Americas” that played a large part in training right-wing militants involved in both the Argentinian (1976) and Chilean (1973), and a handful of other Latin American fascist, military coups.

About a week after the outset of the Bolivian coup, organized resistance began to appear in the forms of General Strike and mass protests; both of which were met with immense violence from the new Bolivian military dictatorship state. On November 19, there was a massacre at the hands of the military “in the Senkata gas plant in the indigenous city of El Alto, and the tear-gassing of a peaceful funeral procession on November 21 to commemorate the dead.” Around six days after the coup, a large protest was organized in Cochabamba, largely comprised of singing and displays of indigenous solidarity. This was met with more intense state violence. The protests were fired upon by the police and military by early afternoon. This is recognized by many as the massacre of Cochabamba [6]

The Senkata gas plant strike preventing tankers from leaving the plant and cutting off the primary source of gasoline for the area. In response, the government deployed helicopters, tanks, and heavily armed soldiers in the evening of November 18. Following the mass deployment, an offensive, on Nov 19, from the military began with teargassing the crowd, then firing live rounds into the crowd. By the end of the shooting, eight had been confirmed dead, and countless wounded by state repression.

If history is any indicator, this is likely not to be the end of the violence under this new military regime. Bolivia is another

striking example of bourgeois interests violently asserting themselves over the lives of historically marginalized communities.

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ICE in Oregon

by Inkstick

Across the U.S., anti-Immigration and Customs Enforcement protests continue in many forms. In Portland, hundreds of protesters shut down an ICE field office in 2018 as part of a nationwide campaign called Occupy ICE. In August 2019, 100 people were arrested for partially shutting the West Side Highway in Manhattan in protest of ICE mass arrests. Rcently, ICE was dealt a blow by the Oregon court system. Oregon Supreme Court Justice Martha Walters issued a statement Nov. 14 that restricts warrantless activities by ICE agents in state courthouses. Previously, unchecked ICE activity in courthouses could have prevented marginalized individuals from seeking justice in court.

The regulation comes after the ACLU of Oregon, on behalf of several immigration rights groups, asked Oregon courts to ban arrests at courthouses on Oct. 18. ICE agents may still make arrests in courthouses, but henceforth that action require a judicial wa rant. That means before ICE agents arrest someone at a courthouse, they must present evidence and convince a judge the action is justified. Similar regulations exist in New Jersey and New York.

Courthouses are an addition to the list of “sensitive locations” where ICE is restricted. Agents are prohibited from carrying out arrests, interviews, searches and surveillance at schools; hospitals; places of worship; religious ceremonies, including weddings and funerals;

public demonstrations; and organizations that help women children and abuse victims. The list of sensitive locations was created by ICE in 2011 and since has been modified slightly to the list above. ‘

Though the Oregon Supreme Court forbids warrantless apprehensions at courthouses statewide, as a federal agency, ICE maintains a large section seeking to justify courthouse arrests. After Justice Walters issued a statement announcing the new regulation an ICE spokesperson said to Oregon Public Broadcasting that ICE would “consider carefully whether to refer those who obstruct our law enforcement for criminal prosecution.” ICE agents are still permitted to carryout arrests, interviews, searches and surveillance at courthouses without a warrant in what are called “exigent circumstances.” The U.S. 9 th Court of Appeals, which presides over most of the Western U.S. defines exigent circumstances as those circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to believe that entry was necessary to prevent physical harm to the persons, destruction of evidence or the suspect to escape among others.

The restriction of courthouse arrests will be available for public comment from mid-December hrough April 2020. Interested parties can comment on the uniform Trial Court Rules website.

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Monthly Labor Column

by Matthew Osborn-Grosso

It was the end of October, and the graduate employees at the University of Oregon looked to be on the verge of a strike. The union that represents them, GTFF, held multiple actions leading up to when they were scheduled to strike. On Tuesday, October 30, shortly before midnight, GTFF reached a deal with the administration.

GTFF won a healthcare package that provided no cuts on Friday October 26, something they had been fighting for a while. With that the union put the focus on Tuesday to finish the contract. GTFF pulled off a sit in at the EMU with had members and allies out that scared the administration out of their meeting room in that building. They also held a couple of info pickets during the day.

The administration put up a wall of making further concessions for most of the day. The administration last offer before striking a deal used international GEs as bargaining chips. The offer was to fully reimburse visa fees for international employees that could prove a financial need if the GTFF agreed to do interest based bargaining for their next contract, a method that would have hamstrung the union. Along with this was lower wages. Given this the bargaining team dropped visa funding in their proposal to obtain 3% wages to minimum salary workers and maintain power in the next bargaining cycle.

GTFF ultimately won a contract that includes that includes 3% raises for the lowest paid workers, and 1.4% raises for everyone else. They also secured a health insurance deal that has the university paying 95% and GTFF

paying 5% up to 10% above current costs.

Additional gains in the contract include 6 hours of paid training, bumping childcare assistance to \$700 for children up to age 7, 6 weeks of paid parental leave, protections against ICE, and provisions to safeguard employees against workplace bullying and harassment. The next step will be ratification vote by the membership that will take place within the next two weeks.

GTFF scheduled a “Victory Rally” a few days after reaching a deal. The event was less joyous, and more contemplative, union leaders celebrated the wins they achieved, but also spoke to exhaustion of bargaining for a year, and to the tensions outstanding in the union over what they did not get in the deal. They announced at the event that the union would embark on a campaign specifically around international GEs.

On November 12, GTFF announced the contract had been ratified with 73% of members voting and 93% of voters voting yes.

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GTFF Resists UO Admin to Secure Contract and Readies for Broader Struggle

by Rajeev Ravisankar

After a yearlong contract fight, the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation reached an agreement with the University of Oregon administration. The contract was ratified in a vote in which 73 percent of GTFF members participated and 93 percent voted in favor of ratification.

In attaining a new contract, GTFF members successfully resisted a severe attack by UO admin on graduate employee health care, which offers excellent and affordable coverage. Throughout negotiations, UO admin insisted on drastic cuts that would have led to increased premiums and reduced benefits for members.

GTFF also achieved 3 percent increases for minimum salaries and at least 1.4 percent raises across the board. Several other gains were made, including 6 hours of paid training; 6 weeks of paid parental leave; \$700 in yearly child care assistance for children up to the age of 7; greater involvement for graduate employees in curriculum development; protections for international graduate employees from Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and provisions to safeguard GEs from workplace bullying and harassment.

These gains were achieved through an effective escalation campaign that focused on a credible strike threat demonstrated through a massive 95 percent strike authorization vote among GTFF members. The campaign involved on-campus solidarity with undergraduate students and unionized staff and faculty, which was bolstered by external pressure from local unions, community organizations, and city, county, and state political figures.

By backing off cuts to health care and agreeing to key provisions advocated for by GTFF, UO admin avoided a strike that would have made it even clearer that they are isolated in their effort to corporatize the university and impose budget austerity for everyone but themselves.

The broader struggle, however, is far from over. During negotiations, UO admin demonstrated its profound disrespect, devaluation, disregard for graduate employee lives, and especially for international GEs. UO admin repeatedly engaged in bad faith negotiation and their manipulative and discriminatory agenda sought to undercut union members.

At the last stage, UO admin proposed the possibility of reimbursing visa fees only for international graduate employees who could demonstrate financial need, but made this offer contingent upon GTFF agreeing to fundamentally restructure the negotiation process in favor of management for the next bargaining cycle. They wanted to move toward identifying shared interests rather than exchanging proposals and counterproposals.

To be absolutely clear, GTFF members don’t have shared interests with UO admin. The articulation of UO admin’s interests is directly harmful to graduate employees and other university constituents, especially those who are underrepresented and marginalized.

Deeply informed by this experience, GTFF members are committed to continuing the fight through a campaign for international graduate employees, who face precarious conditions related to the racist U.S. immigration regime and discriminatory university policies.

The contract represents one terrain of struggle, yet there are many others both on campus and beyond. Guided by an expansive vision of university democracy rooted in educational and economic justice, GTFF members are ready to work with allies to transform the university into one that actually works for all of us and puts people before profit.



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ROAR Center
The University’s center for radical left organizing. Learn about radical organizing, chat about leftist political theory, and get involved with radical campus movements. Past ROAR campaigns include protesting UO’s use of prison labor and staging die-ins against the war on Syria. ROAR hosts radical speaking events on campus throughout the year. Meetings at 4 on Mondays. Contact ROARCenter@gmail.com

Student Labor Action Project (SLAP)
Past and current campaigns include petitioning for Measure 97, \$15 Now, GTFF strike, and protecting the rights of student dining workers. Contact UOSlap@gmail.com to get involved.

Insurgent Magazine (that’s us)
Weekly meetings in the ROAR center Tuesdays at 7 in ROAR

Oregon Voice Magazine
OV is a pop culture magazine on campus at the University of Oregon that is open to anyone interested in publishing their artistic creations. Meetings weekly on Wednesdays at 7

Campus Groups
Native American Student Union (NASU) assists American Indian, Alaskan Natives and welcomes all Indigenous Peoples across North and South America, including the Pacific Islands, in maintaining their cultural ties while pursuing their educational goals. Meetings Thursdays at 5:30 in the Longhouse

UO MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan) A group centered on Mexican American identity; promotes higher education, cultura, and historia. Meetings are Wednesday at 6 in the Multicultural Center

Black Student Union (BSU)
Encourages a positive image of African Americans and to support its members in achieving their educational goals. Meetings Wednesdays at 6 in Mills International Center

UO Climate Justice League
Past campaigns include the effort to force the University endowment to divest from fossil fuels,as well as pressing the university to power its facilities with renewable sources. Get in contact at climatejusticeleague@gmail.com. Meetings Mondays at 6 in EMU Diamond Lake room

Cascadia Action Network (CAN)
CAN is the empowered new generation dedicated to environmental and social justice. Meetings Alternating Mondays at 6:30pm in EMU Swindel’s room

Campus Resources
Student Survivor Legal Services
For free legal support to student survivors of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, call 541-346-8619 or visit law.uoregon.edu/survivor

Safe Ride
Call 541-346-RIDE (extension 2) to schedule a free ride! Want to volunteer? Email saferide@uoregon.edu

Student Food Pantry
Open Wednesday and Thursday from 4pm to 6pm. Open to UO, LCC, GC, and NCU students with ID. The Pantry is located in the garage of the ECM House at 1329 E. 19th Avenue.

Visit UOregon.edu/onestop for more campus resources

Local Resources
CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets) provides mobile crisis intervention 24/7 in the Eugene-Springfield Metro area. Each team consists of a medic & a crisis worker. CAHOOTS provides immediate stabilization in case of urgent medical need or psychological crisis, assessment, information, referral, advocacy. Call 541-682-5111 (dispatches through Eugene Police Department - ask for Cahoots)

White Bird Clinic
Counseling and Crisis Services: 541-342-8255 / 341 E 12th Ave, Eugene OR 97401
Dental Clinic: 541-344-8302 / 1400 Mill St, Eugene OR
Visit WhiteBirdClinic.org for more information.

Food Not Bombs Eugene
FNB is a decentralized global network of collectives that aims to provide free, vegan meals for all to fight hunger. Get in contact at eugenefoodnotbombs@gmail.com

Local Groups
Cascadia Forest Defenders
Direct action group focused on defending the forests of the Pacific Northwest from logging and development. Contact them at forestdefensenow@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Anarchist Collective
Non-violent, direct-action, mutual aid organization for anarchists in the community. Find them on Facebook for more information.

Sunrise
Youth-lead coalition against climate change. Meetings Sundays at 6pm, location TBD. Find @sunrise.eug on Facebook for more info.